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Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, an English language version of the Notification is also attached. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusion set forth in the Notification.

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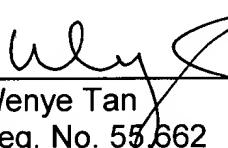
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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